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AIR FORCE ROTC CHANGES COMMAND

It was top spit and polish at the University of Montana Air Force ROTC headquarters this week when Lt. Col. Robert Velde retired and turned his command over to Lt. Col. Harwood F. Means.

Colonel Velde has served as UM professor of aerospace studies since 1962. He has been an officer in the Air Force for 26 years, since his commissioning in July 1940. Before joining the UM faculty, he served peacetime tours of duty in Japan and Italy.

Colonel Velde, his wife, son and two daughters will continue to make their home in Missoula. He says he has been looking forward to retirement as a time to catch up on some hunting and fishing.

Colonel Means joins the University faculty as professor of aerospace studies, coming from a tour of duty in Taiwan. He holds BS and MA degrees from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

He, his wife and two daughters have already moved to Missoula. The daughters attended Oklahoma State last year, but will enroll at the University this year.

A holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Purple Heart, Colonel Means saw action as a navigator on the North African front during the Second World War.